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Applicant: Takaaki ASADA

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Title: METHOD FOR SCREENING
PIEZOELECTRIC TRANSFORMER
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

[Signature] Please replace claims 1 and 14 with the following claims:

A method for manufacturing and screening a piezoelectric transformer apparatus including an actuator and a generator, the method comprising the steps of:
beginning manufacturing of the piezoelectric transformer apparatus;
connecting a load impedance to said generator;